



## Report: local firefighting not getting any easier

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION  
HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's fire departments are challenged by rising costs, increased training requirements and maintaining volunteer and paid staff levels, according to an annual report from the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association. Presented to the county's Board of Supervisors last week, the report gives a department-by-department breakdown of num-



bers and types of incident responses in 2021. It also describes "challenges and needs," as demand for services grows. That was case for the Arcata Fire District in 2021, which saw the district's firefighters make 3,378 emergency responses, 500 more than in the previous year. There were 1,595 responses to medical emergencies and 297 to fires, including 55 structure fires. The district covers a 62

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**NOT JUST HORSES** had the right of way Saturday for McKinleyville's Pony Express Days Parade. Walkers, vintage vehicles and even onewheels traversed Central Avenue in the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event.

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## Development impact fees discussed as funding source

**Daniel Mintz**  
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HUMBOLDT – Challenged by infrastructure and services costs, Humboldt County is considering charging developers for impacts like increased traffic and need for public safety and other services. A discussion that's been had at times in the past was had again, at the May 16 Board of Supervisors meeting. It's been many years since the county last considered development impact fees, with the idea being too controversial and unpopular among builders to gain momentum. This time it's brought forward by recently-elected Fourth District Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, who said her intent is for the county to do an analysis and see how much support there is. She noted that Humboldt is the only county in the state without impact fees but developers can still be required to do costly things when conditions are added to their permits.

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**MAD RIVER UNION**  
ARCATA – Arcata's retail cannabis sector was rocked last Thursday, June 1 by the unexpected announcement that Humboldt Patient Resource Center (HPRC) was closing after 24 years. A notice published online and poisted at HPRC's Arcata shop cites "the untimely and

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## Council meeting to make major money moves

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION  
ARCATA – Anyone interested in how Arcata spends its money will see city-scale cash flow in action at tonight's City Council meeting. First, the council is set to approve a Stormwater Drainage Maintenance Fee report and authorize the fee's continued collection through 2023-24, bringing in \$274,433.28 for stormwater drainage maintenance. The council will also accept a report on, and re-authorize the Measure A: Open Space Parks, and Trails Special Tax approved by voters in

2020. The flat \$39 parcel tax will create \$170,718 for parks, trails, forest and open spaces. The council will award contracts for 2023 timber sales from sustainable harvests conducted under the city's Forest Management Plan. This year's revenue from timber sales are estimated at \$358,047. But the biggie is the budget. According to a staff report, the city's proposed FY 2023-24 budget totals \$80.5 million. The post-COVID budget includes a \$43.7 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for city assets and in-

frastructure, plus \$21.8 million from the General Fund to fund community services and City Council priorities. While "cautiously optimistic" about rebuilding city capabilities after the COVID crunch, the staff report states that "the city's long-term fiscal health requires new sustainable revenue to meet community service priorities in the future" due to rising costs, inflation and workforce competition. The staff report says that long-term funding for programs and services will require new or enhanced revenue streams, including a possible rise in the Transaction and Use Tax.

## A1AA pivots to address aging populace's needs

**Daniel Mintz**  
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HUMBOLDT – May was Older Americans Month and as Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors commemorated it, Area 1 Agency on Aging updated the board on its services and the growing need for them. The agency's annual report at the May 16 supervisors meeting in-



Maggie Kraft

cluded information on the scope of its work and the needs of the county's older residents, a demographic that has grown and is expected to continue to. Serving both Humboldt and Del Norte counties, Area 1 is one of many similar non-profit agencies in California funded through the federal Older Americans Act. Maggie Kraft, the group's executive director, said there's a "growing population" of people over 60 years old often dealing with issues related to aging. They include financial struggles, food insecurity and being geographically isolated. The agency sees "a lot of

people living alone," Kraft said, which was challenging during the peaks of COVID and shows that "we could all do better for people who need help." There's one issue that's particularly noteworthy. "People over 50 years of age are the fastest-growing

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## Help plan transportation

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The City of Arcata would like to encourage residents to provide comments to the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) for the development of the Transit Development Plan (TDP).

HCAOG is currently working to complete the TDP which will analyze the existing transit system in Humboldt County, including in Arcata, and propose service alternatives and a capital plan for a five-year period. The purpose of this is to develop an increasingly effective transit system which will connect Humboldt County and encourage the use of public transport. The City of Arcata is encouraging residents to participate in a survey and provide feedback to HCAOG on potential service alternatives in

Arcata.

For more information and to participate in the survey, visit [hcaog.net/documents/transit-development-plan](https://hcaog.net/documents/transit-development-plan). The survey link can be found in the section titled “Community Workshop and Input on Public Transit Alternatives” or at [forms.gle/djoS4b37NTxSd1Ux9](https://forms.gle/djoS4b37NTxSd1Ux9).

To learn more about transit in the City of Arcata, please contact the Building and Engineering Department at (707) 825-2128 or email [engineering@cityofarcata.org](mailto:engineering@cityofarcata.org).

HCAOG is a Joint Powers Agency composed of the seven incorporated cities (Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad) and the County of Humboldt. It is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) as well as the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE). The agency is largely responsible for programming State highway, local street and road improvements, public transportation resources and the roadside call box program.

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1. Saudi or Jordanian

5. Heeds one's alarm

10. "\_\_\_ silly question, and you'll get a..."

14. Ancestral knowledge

15. Happening

16. Luau dishes

17. Island of exile

18. Virginia seaport

20. 41

21. Speaker who puts you to sleep

22. Lane

23. Linger

25. Nothing

26. Lady of the Evening

28. Peach and orange

31. \_\_\_ apple

32. Ground covering

34. Old French coin

36. Deteriorates

37. Breathing

38. Biblical book

39. Major-leaguer

40. Proverb

41. Single

42. Obliterated

44. Slips

45. Soldiers, for short

46. Portable shelter

47. Word with bed or in

50. Envy and sloth

51. Drink like Rover

54. Reductions

57. In addition

58. Barn resident

59. Nimble

60. Rose, for one

61. White-tailed eagles

62. Prominent

63. Make corrections in

DOWN

1. Popular emcee

2. Bakery purchase

3. Go-between

4. \_\_\_ Arthur

5. Formal account

6. Piano key material

7. Parched

8. Suffix for correspond or transcend

9. Ambrose & Anthony; abbr.

10. Deity who exemplifies manly youth

11. Spirit

12. Windy day item

13. Pallid

19. Puts a letter in the box

21. Abbr. after Smith or Marx

24. Charity

25. Schnozzola

26. Musical instrument

27. Love greatly

28. Ancient abode

29. Updated one's kitchen

30. Biscuit's cousin

32. Pleased

33. Sail arrangement

35. Takes advantage of

37. Summer drinks

38. "I cannot tell \_\_\_!"

40. On the shelf

41. European range

43. Marbles

44. Felt

46. Book spine info

47. Identical

48. Ski lift

49. Deserve

50. In a \_\_\_; miffed

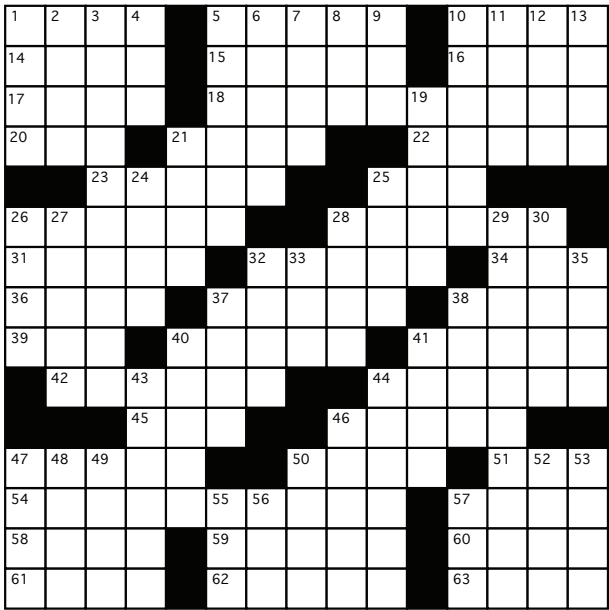
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53. Byron or Tennyson

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56. Sense of self-esteem

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## Tour the Trinidad Rancheria's stormwater project

**TRINIDAD RANCHERIA**  
TRINIDAD – The Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Trinidad Rancheria) invites the community to join them on Thursday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Trinidad Harbor (meeting near the public restrooms) in celebration of World Oceans Day.

Pacific Watershed Associates consultants will be joined by the Tribe's Environmental Department Staff to guide interested community members through a walkthrough of an upcoming stormwater construction project at Trinidad Harbor that will support a more resilient ocean and benefit the community.

The walkthrough will give visitors a chance to learn about the project, its features, and the planned public access routes during construction.

This project is just one of many where Trinidad Rancheria affirms their dedication to maintaining the harbor as a safe, cultural, commercial, recreational, historical, and scenic



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draw for local businesses and community members while serving as stewards of the ocean. We welcome you to join us!

Trinidad Rancheria purchased the Trinidad Harbor in January 2000. Since the purchase, the tribe has worked hard to mitigate hazardous waste and remove toxic materials left behind by previous commercial operations, and other sources of pollution such as used oil, hydraulic fluid, creosote and pollutants that affect groundwater and the Trinidad Bay.

After first purchasing the Trinidad Harbor Properties, Trinidad Harbor was identified by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as in violation of the California Ocean Plan and the Rancheria began work on mitigating several discharges to the Trinidad Head Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS), which is home to the unique and diverse kelp forest ecosystem.

Trinidad Rancheria

runoff from the parking areas and other developed features. Trinidad Rancheria will construct a series of rain gardens, bioretention swales, permeable pavers, linear drains, and speed humps to redirect and treat stormwater from the parking areas and developed features.

This project will also include concrete mat to improve Trinidad Rancheria access to launcher beach and rock slope protection around launcher beach to protect the beach from erosion and restore the area's natural beauty.

Trinidad Rancheria aspires to build a Marine Program that will empower the Tribe to protect, restore, and sustainably co-manage the coastal environment and its resources to achieve healthy and diverse ecosystems, sustainable fisheries, economic viability, and generational prosperity.

As Indigenous peoples, and owners of the Trinidad Harbor, they honor the inherent balance and interconnectedness of the ocean and coastal communities. They are currently planning projects such as the Stormwater Construction Project to serve as effective stewards of the ocean as they develop a Marine Program.

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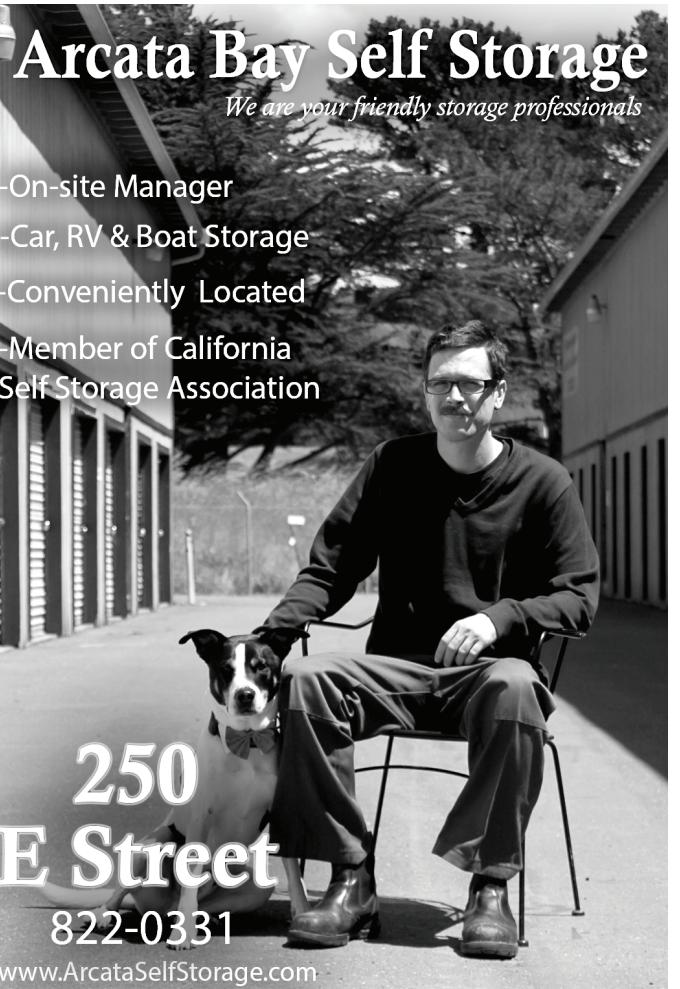
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Table tennis  
tourney

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The Arcata Recreation Division and local table tennis club will be hosting a table tennis tournament in the gymnasium at the Arcata Community Center on Sunday, June 11.

Registration will begin as early as 1 p.m. in the gymnasium with the first matches starting at 1:30 p.m. There will be no pre-registration for this competition. All participants must sign up the day of the event and entry fees must be cash or check only.

This is a single player tournament (no doubles), and the different divisions will include: Beginner (\$10), Intermediate (\$10) and Advanced (\$20) categories. There will be a cash prize for the winner of each category. Some paddles will be available for participants not bringing their own.

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**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**VALLEY WEST – CUNA**  
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Come let your voices be heard and deepen democracy as we engage with this community-driven design where residents decide how to spend \$25,000 allocated by the City of Arcata for beautification and community connectivity for the Valley West/North Arcata community.

What improvements do you want to see? Invite Valley West residents to come share your ideas!

A brainstorming session takes place Thursday, June 8 at 6 p.m. at the Ar-

cata Chamber of Commerce Humboldt Welcome Center, 1635 Heindon Rd. Food and beverages will be provided.

Last year, the City Council allocated \$15,000 towards beautification and community connectivity projects and worked with CUNA to identify top priorities within the Valley West neighborhood. CUNA held a participatory budgeting process to select projects that community members felt could have the greatest impact.

Community-selected projects includes fruit trees for Valley West Park, a picnic area at the Valley West basketball court, two mural projects, dance classes, youth theater classes and teen meet-ups.

CUNA is a project of Playhouse Arts. In partnership with the City of Arcata,

CUNA conducts community gatherings, collaborations with area businesses, meetings, cleanups, participatory

budgeting and future planning for Valley West and North Arcata.

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## Fire | Staffing woes

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square mile area that includes Arcata, Manila and McKinleyville.

For the Arcata Fire District, retaining staff was an issue in 2021. The report notes that the year started with six of the department's firefighters leaving "for fire jobs elsewhere."

That resulted in overtime work and associated costs, but "allowed the most flexibility to keep two stations staffed and provide relief to the remaining career staff."

By June of 2021, a recruitment effort led to the hiring of five firefighters.

Countywide firefighting and emergency response was summarized when Dale Unesa, president of the association, presented the annual report at the May 23 Board of Supervisors meeting.

The report details that even during the 2021 mid-point of COVID, departments responded to over 17,000 incidents.

Sixty-one percent of fire service calls were for medical emergencies.

Incident responses represent more than 38,000 hours of volunteer work and training hours topped 39,000. With maintenance and fundraising efforts, volunteer fire department work exceeded 100,000 hours.

Board Chair Steve Madrone encouraged residents to support and get involved in their community fire departments.

"It is so critical, these fire services," he said. "People take them for granted and we really cannot do that."

Fire insurance policies are hiking in cost and in some areas being cancelled and Madrone said "the thing that helps control those costs is our volunteer fire departments along with CalFire and everybody else."

Assessment fees for firefighting services are "a bargain compared to what happens with fire insurance if we don't support that," he continued.

He also noted the report's citing "a more robust and ongoing volunteer recruitment and retention strategy" as a "top need" among county departments.

Although the majority of incident responses are by volunteers, firefighting and emergency response can be a career. Kurt McCray, CalFire's Humboldt-Del Norte unit chief, said launching vocational education programs is in planning stages.

College of the Redwoods (CR) is being "encouraged to obtain accreditation to put on a formal fire academy," he continued.

"That's a long journey to get there but (CR President) Dr. (Keith) Flamer has expressed interest as well as his staff and that encouragement needs to continue."

And McCray reported that the week of the meeting, CAL FIRE and Cal Poly Humboldt entered a memorandum of understanding agreement to "exchange knowledge in forestry and fire sciences."

The report highlights the funding contributions of the county's Measure Z public safety sales tax but says local fire departments are still struggling with limited volunteer recruitment, inadequate local training facilities and opportunities, and lack of capital for essentials such as equipment, maintenance and ongoing costs.

**DOING THEIR DUTY** Arcata's American Legion Post 274 has been busy with duties, ceremonial and otherwise. Top left and center right, the Mad River Honor Guard helps remember the fallen at Greenwood Cemetery on Memorial Day. The ceremony was followed by an open house at the Veterans Memorial Building and a barbecue in Stewart Park. Bottom left, veterans conduct a Memorial Day flag ceremony as Judge Advocate James Zebal, middle, hoists the Stars & Stripes. Top right, newly elected American Legion Post 274 Commander Phil Irvine with Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay Commander George Suchanek. On Friday night, above above, Legion Post 274 held its regular monthly meeting and installed its new officers, with Commander Irvine, right, conducting the ceremony. Officers, left to right: Mark Wriggle, second vice commander; Daniel Wilkinson, executive committee; (back row) James Zebal, judge advocate; Kevin Buchanan, first vice commander; (back row) Phillip Nicklas, adjutant and finance officer; John Mitchell, service officer; Rich Jordan and Ted Alton, executive committee members.

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## HPRC | Longtime cannabis center bows out with note of thanks

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unexpected passing of the owner" for the closure. The *Union* was unable to obtain further details before press time.

HPRC was one of Arcata's pioneering cannabis centers, evolving from a medical-based dispensary during the early days of cannabis licensing to, with the advent of legalization, a contemporary and full-featured enterprise.

Owner Mariellen Jurkovich strove to provide value-added cannabis services, with education and social services at a now-closed Valley West facility.

Recently, Jurkovich expressed concern about the proliferation of cannabis shops in the area of the Arcata HPRC location, questioning the sustainability of such supply saturation.

### HPRC's parting message

It is with profound sadness that we announce the closure of Humboldt Patient Resource Center Inc. on June 1st, 2023. The untimely and unexpected passing of the owner has presented us with unavoidable challenges concerning our state cannabis license.

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**CANNABIS PIONEER** Mariellen Jurkovich at Humboldt Patient Resource Center's onsite grow.

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years, we have had the privilege of serving our cherished customers and the community at large.

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As we reflect on the memories we have shared and the connections we have forged, we express our deepest gratitude for your loyalty. It is through your support that we have been able to contribute to the well-being of our community for so many years. Thank you for being an integral part of the Humboldt Patient Resource Center journey. We value your continued support, and though our paths may temporarily diverge, we hope to remain connected in spirit.

Together, we have created something truly special, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

Wishing you all the best, until our paths cross again in the future.

Thank you so much again,  
**From The HPRC Staff of Cannabis Consultants, Garden & Back of House**

## Fees | 'Dealing with the challenge of providing services and infrastructure'

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"These costs are not nonexistent right now, we just apply them in a different process," she said. "So developers are not as clear upfront on what the additional costs of their development will be."

Arroyo said she's talked with "several big developers interested in investing in the region" and they wanted to "know what the costs associated with their development would be upfront."

Planning Director John Ford also explained development impact fees as a way to address impacts upfront instead of doing so as part of an environmental review process.

He gave an example, of the McKay Subdivision in the greater Eureka area, which originally was required to install two traffic lights. That was later changed to developing non-vehicular access.

Ford said if a development impact fee process had been in place, a study on the subdivi-

sion's impact would have been done, the need for improvements would have been analyzed and fees would have been charged and paid for as part of getting a building permit.

But during public comment, Dave Watson of the Humboldt Builders Exchange said if a fee process adds to building costs, "It's hard to see this as a positive."

Tina Christensen of the Humboldt Association of Realtors and a longtime participant in development-related discussions, told supervisors development impact fees will add to cost burdens that are discouraging housing development.

"It is probably not the right time for this -- the cost of building a single family home has reached \$300 a square foot -- without the land," she said.

She added that there are multiple requirements adding costs to projects and enacting another one would be "horrendous to this build-

ing community."

Supervisor Mike Wilson described the housing cost issue as being ever-present.

"I have never heard the development community say, 'This is a good time to consider development fees'," he said. "It's always been challenging times ... but we are also dealing with the challenge of providing services and infrastructure."

He added that communities with development impact fees have been able to provide enough housing to meet state requirements.

A majority of supervisors voted to have staff do an analysis and return with recommendations.

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell voted against it. She had asked about how a fee process would work in rural areas, particularly related to roads, and was told that development activity is so low in those areas that a fee program probably wouldn't be warranted.

## Aging | Senior services strained as aging populace demands more

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population of homeless who are homeless for the first time," Kraft said. "And we're seeing that because of the rising cost of housing and everything."

Health issues, loss of jobs and limited incomes all contribute to the situation.

"That what it takes to become homeless," said Kraft.

Area 1 subcontracts with other groups for services such as home-delivered meals, legal services and caregiver services.

Kraft said being a source of information is an important part of Area 1's work. She gave the example of an 80-year-old woman who sought help finding a job.

When she was asked why she needed a job, she said it was because she didn't have enough food.

"So then I started talking about finding her food and not finding her a job, because she really needed more food, she didn't need to work -- and she didn't know about the resources," Kraft related.

Area 1 also has a "home share" program that connects people with space in their homes to those seeking rooms to rent.

"For many of the people that we're matching up with housing, their income is so low that they could not find anything on the open market here," said Kraft.

Helping people to continue living in their homes, safety educa-

tion, "digital divide" classes, a volunteer driver program and elder abuse prevention are among Area 1's types of assistance.

With federal and state funding increases since 2020 and COVID-19, Area 1's staffing is rising to 26 people. Kraft said 17 of them are over 50 and five are over 70.

"We will never be accused of age discrimination in our workforce," she said.

Helping older residents became especially important following the recent earthquakes and sometimes they have difficulty dealing with technology to access assistance.

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell said a lot of the county's recovery effort has been through online

sources. "I heard that comment often -- 'I don't know how to do that, I don't have an email' -- so you guys were there to help with that and I appreciate it," she continued.

Area 1's mission includes identifying and addressing unmet needs and next month a Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults will be launched. Anyone 55 or older can participate.

It will be available online but anyone who wants to complete a paper survey can call 707-442-3763 or 1-800-408-4636 to get one in the mail.

All the information on Area 1's services and how to access resources for older adults is on the agency's website, at [aiaa.org](http://aiaa.org).



# Adoptable doggies had fun at Kinetics – these are their stories, in their own words

We all had so much fun last week with the Kinetic Sculpture Race! In case you hadn't heard, Sparky the Kinetic Foster Dog won the first place award for speed! The pilots were happy about that, of course, but for me, the best part was having the dogs out on the course as friendly ambassadors for shelter and rescue adoption. We always

have fun when we take the dogs on outings and we often find they have talents we hadn't seen at the shelter. Here are a few first hand (paw?) reports on the dogs' experiences.

**Trooper:** I am the lucky dog that got to go to all three days of the Kinetic Sculpture Race! I have been staying in a foster home and my foster parents were willing to bring me to every part of the race. The first day was so fun! We started at Sparky's house where I got to meet the eight other dogs that made up Team Sparky. I love other dogs so that was fun!

Up on the Plaza we got to run along with the sculpture, but my favorite part was meeting people on the lawn. One human let me sit in his lap and give him kisses! That was the best! I was really tired after a day of kisses, sniffing and being a good boy. I fell asleep before we even got home.

The second day was different. I had to represent the Sparky dog team by myself for awhile before Roo and Kona got there.



The crowd was very thick but I was able to watch Sparky go in the water by looking between the humans' knees. There were so many people and dogs there! After the water, Sparky went on the highway so I went back home to tell my foster brothers about my adventures.

The last day was in Ferndale and surprise! Lots of people and dogs again! I'd never seen so many of either before but the humans said I did great. I liked the part at the end where we just stood near Sparky and people came up and petted me. Everyone said how cute I was; I hope one of them comes back and takes me to my forever home.



huge crowd. Dogs and people were everywhere, but as I mentioned, that kind of thing doesn't faze me. We walked along the boardwalk for quite a while. There were people in crazy outfits, bikes and roller skates and so many dogs. I got to meet lots of those little

**Roo:** Kona and I got to go with Ashley and Mara on the second day of the Kinetics. Kona and I met at the shelter and showed Ashley that we could ride in the car together and be good representatives for Team Sparky. I've been around the block before and let Kona know riding in the car leads to good things. We picked up Mara and drove to Eureka where we walked into a



humans also. Everyone commented on how well-behaved I was, though I was just being me. I enjoyed getting a morning away from the shelter and a chance to shine. I showed off how I can walk well on a leash and that I know lots of obedience. I don't think everyone knew how experienced I am out in the world but they do now! I'm hoping that now that my secret is out, the right person will come to the shelter and adopt me. **Kona:** I got to go on a big adventure! My new friend Roo helped me to have confidence that this was a good idea, but once we were there, I was just fine. There were so many dogs to play with! I had a fun time with a big girl dog. Her mom said they were looking for a second dog and I did my best to show that I was just what they were looking for. I'm

still hoping they might come to the shelter and adopt me. I love to play and met lots of new friends, big and small. We had a nice long walk along the water. I thought it might be fun to go for a swim but the humans said it wasn't the right time for that. There's a pool coming to the shelter later this month. Maybe I'll get to swim then! Everyone said what a nice boy I am. I hope this will be the week when my adopter walks through the shelter door and takes me home! **Mara:** All three of these pups are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. Information and appointments are available at (707) 840-9132. Redwood Pals can help you find the right match also. Email us at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com).



**MEET THE ARTISTS**  
**TWO TALENTED** Without really trying, Jack Durham and Terry Finigan have both blundered into a satisfying avocation as self-taught artists, more or less dominating the local primitivist niche with their soulful, unschooled renderings of scenes from Humboldt and beyond. Jack, the *Union's* editor, uses all manner of media to illustrate the world around him. *Art by Jack:* Top left, Marino's. Middle left, Tavern Row. Below left, a *Union* news rack, now in use outside the Arcata Post Office. Below, Jack's travel rig, used to capture scenes of Sicily and elsewhere. Bottom, *Union* cartoonist Terry's self-portrait. *Art by Terry:* Top right, Harpst Street at Cal Poly Humboldt. Middle right, Woodley Island Marina. Bottom right, Arcata as seen from Fickle Hill Road. Both artists accept commissions; contact Jack via the *Union* and Terry via the Arcata, Back in the Day Facebook page.

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# HUMBOLDT CRABS

## Fans turn out for good times with Humboldt Crabs

Richard LaPreziosa  
MAD RIVER UNION

It didn't seem like the Crabs were going to, you know, lose the game on Friday night.

It was the first game, the season opener! People were very excited for this game, and the Crabs' return to setting the scoreboard ablaze. Over 1,000 people, according to Crabs staff. So many people that the concession line started winding down the first base side of the stands.

All of these people at the Arcata Ball Park, after

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There was another team involved in all of this and they would be the Nova-to Knicks. The Knicks had just started their season a few days before and had already won a series against the formidable Lincoln Valley Potters. Their coach, Brett Kim, came to Arcata not to be trounced, but to notch his 800th win as a coach for his career. After Saturday's game he would have 802.

The Knicks, whom I've decided actually do have an appropriate name for a

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## New Crabs merch in a new merch booth

A retired gentleman who prefers to be anonymous has built the most fabulous merchandise booth for the Crabs this season. It's painted bright red with white trim and it is hard to miss!

What's great about it is that all the 22 wood panels are labeled with letters and numbers so that, at the end of the season, it all comes apart for storage until the next year.

This generous man worked for the phone company for "25 years" and now enjoys woodworking of all kinds, including making wooden toys. His daughter is a friend of a Crabs board member so, as it so

often happens in Humboldt Crabs nation, he got volunteered.

"I built it during the rainy season," he said, "working outside, so I did the building and painting in between the rain. If I had worked on it straight through, it would have taken probably a week and a half."

The booth features Dutch doors on the side and, in the front, wooden flaps that raise up to make counter space. The attention to detail is remarkable, with every contingency provided for, from a hook to hold half of the Dutch door from flapping in the wind to the handmade wooden door pulls.

It's bigger and more secure than the old merchandise booth which will be a great help to the volunteers who staff it. The roof is transparent so they can get a suntan while they work. The floor is wooden so no more standing on concrete.

Stop by to see the wide variety of hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other souvenirs. Fans can also purchase a shoutout that will be read from the announcers' booth. What better way to celebrate someone's birthday or special day?



**NEW BOOTH** Mary Ellen Barthman with the new merchandise booth. Come by and purchase a shoutout.

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A shoutout to this dedicated volunteer woodworker! Thank you!



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Crabs | Tough start, but team victorious on a sunny Sunday

**FROM A6**  
West Coast baseball team, because players often wear what appear to be knickers, would take Friday’s game to the surprise of all those Crabs fans. It was a good game. The Crabs took a one-run lead early, but then Novato scored five. Back and forth they went until Novato, despite committing six errors came out on top by a score of eight to six.

I saw Coach Kim walk out to first base Friday night to chum it up a little bit with Crabs coach Jeff Giacomini. When I asked him some questions later in the weekend he told me

they have known each other for a while and it was Giacomini who had brought the Knicks up to Humboldt. When asked if he thought Giacomini was regretting that after two Knicks weekend wins he said “I hope so! But I’ll buy him a beer and we’ll go from there.”

Giacomini expressed admiration for Coach Kim. “He has tremendous passion for the game. That is a good team.”

Saturday’s game saw the Knicks on top too, despite a valiant effort by Crabs starter Cameron Saso. Sao was able to pitch six innings surrendering only

two runs. “Saso pitched great. Two unearned runs, and that was all they got. We just didn’t score any runs,” Crabs coach Robin Guiver would tell me after the Crabs got their first win of the series Sunday.

More good Crabs pitching on Sunday by starter Gabe Tanner and ten Crabs hits led to the Crabs first win of the year by a score of 8-3. “It was a great atmosphere. I’m glad we gave them a little something to cheer about,” Coach Guiver would say about the Crabs getting a win and avoiding the sweep.

And so the Crabs will

take their win and head for an eclectic week ahead with single games against the Humboldt Eagles and Chico Nuts Wednesday and Friday, two games against TKB Baseball Saturday and Sunday, then hosting the Medford Rogues next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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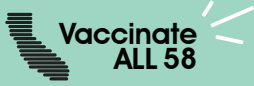


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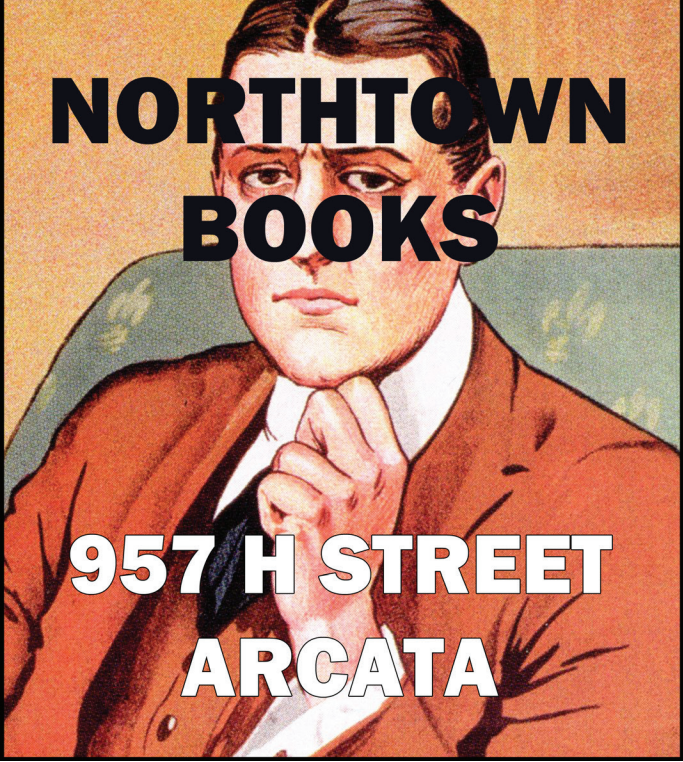


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**ENERGETIC ENSEMBLE** Part of RCEA's team at the CalCCA conference in San Diego on receiving one of the awards. Below, the awards. RCEA PHOTOS

# RCEA's Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid wins Statewide Reliability and Resiliency awards

## Energy innovators recognize the 100 percent renewable energy microgrid for cutting edge community contribution

**REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY**  
EUREKA – The Redwood Coast Energy Authority received two distinguished awards last week for the collaborative Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid (RCAM) project. The California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) recognized RCEA with a first place Impact Award in the Reliability category at their annual conference in San Diego. RCEA also won the “California Microgrid” award during Microgrid Knowledge’s 2023 Greater Good Award ceremony in Anaheim.

RCEA staff were among 600 attendees at the CalCCA Conference in San Diego from May 16 to 19. Staff both led and participated in panel discussions and attended workshops with other Community Choice Aggregators.

“Community choice energy providers across California are developing and implementing exciting projects and programs and CalCCA is central in sharing success stories so effective strategies can be replicated up and down the state,” said RCEA Executive Director Matthew Marshall. “It is an honor to receive this recognition and we look forward to building on what we’ve learned through this project to deploy future microgrids in our region.”

RCEA’s Infrastructure Planning and Operations Director Dana Boudreau attended the Microgrid Knowledge Conference in Anaheim with David Carter from Schatz Energy Research Center, a key project partner. “RCEA is honored to accept this award on behalf of the Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid project team. We’re grateful for the opportunity to bring new knowledge, technology, and skills into the industry and to accelerate the transition toward clean, resilient and sustainable energy for communities around the world,” said Boudreau. The award-winning project team continues to seek and develop innovative new technologies to maintain and improve the RCAM system and identify opportunities for additional microgrids.

Since its launch in June 2022,



RCAM’s solar powered battery storage system repeatedly and seamlessly provided backup power to the U.S. Coast Guard Humboldt Bay Air Station, the California Redwood Coast – Humboldt County Airport, and the neighboring community during a long winter of power outages caused by severe weather and earthquakes.

Projects tackling adverse challenges are essential in rural areas like Humboldt County and community choice energy programs that keep energy dollars local are key to getting them built. The State of California, through the California Energy Commission, saw RCAM as a model project to be replicated across the state and joined community choice energy provider RCEA as a major project funder.

The RCAM microgrid project was made possible by a collaborative partnership with the Schatz Energy Research Center at Cal Poly Humboldt, the County of Humboldt, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Tesla, The Energy Authority, TRC, and Schweitzer Engineering Labs.

**About RCEA**  
Established in 2003, the Redwood Coast Energy Authority is a local government joint powers agency whose members include the County of Humboldt, the seven cities within the county, the Yurok Tribe and the

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. The Energy Authority’s purpose is to develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient, and renewable resources available in the region. For more info, visit [redwoodenergy.org](http://redwoodenergy.org).

**About CalCCA**  
The California Community Choice Association supports community choice electricity providers, such as RCEA, in the legislature and at state regulatory agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission and California Air Resources Board. CalCCA is comprised of 24 of the 25 Community Choice Aggregators currently operating in the state. Its mission focuses on advocating for its Community Choice Aggregators by supporting legislative and regulatory objectives, and aiding long-term goals of education, sustainability and technical guidance.

**About Microgrid Knowledge**  
Microgrid Knowledge is the self-proclaimed “world’s largest news site dedicated to all things microgrid.” Their 2023 Anaheim conference explored the markets, technologies, policies, and customer benefits emerging as the world decentralizes its energy supply and electrifies buildings and transportation. The conference was an opportunity for businesses, communities, institutions, and government to learn what is available now and what lies ahead to improve microgrids and distributed energy operations.

**About Microgrids**  
Microgrids can function and support communities during threats and outages to the traditional electricity grid, allowing communities to be resilient against unexpected forces such as earthquakes and severe weather. Microgrids can disconnect or “island” from the main grid and produce electricity independently during outages. During the major 6.4 magnitude earthquake in December 2022, the microgrid remained autonomously energized for nearly 15 hours.



**STOP! IN THE NAME OF LOVE** Sixth Avenue and Westhaven Drive just got two more stop signs courtesy of Humboldt County Public Works. The formerly sketchy and often exciting intersection is now not only a three-way stop, it’s an all-way stop according to the signs. Many residents are thrilled. Go, Westhaven! (That is, STOP.) JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

# Help keep Arcata’s trails safe and clean

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – With nearly 40 miles of trails in Arcata there are many opportunities for residents and visitors to take a stroll, ride, roll or walk with their pets through the city. The Environmental Services Department would like to share some tips to help keep Arcata’s trails safe and clean for all to enjoy.

- Pet owners and equestrians**
- Keep dogs leashed. Leashes protect dogs from becoming lost and from disturbing people, other dogs, sensitive habitat and wildlife. Keeping dogs leashed is not just a good practice, it is also city law. Dogs must always be kept on a sturdy leash under 6 feet long on Arcata’s trails.
  - The simple act of picking up pet waste and disposing of it properly helps keep everyone healthy by keeping harmful bacteria, parasites and plastic waste out of local waterways. Plus, city law states that pet owners must pick up their pet’s waste in a closed or sealed container and properly dispose of it in a trash can. The city has Dogi-Pot pet waste stations on many trails and at most parks and playgrounds, which come equipped with disposable mini pet waste bags. Pet owners are encouraged to use the Dogi-Pot stations when needed.
  - Do not train horses on high-traffic or shared-use trails, please familiarize horses with expected trail encounters before heading out on busy trails. Always greet other trail users early; hikers and bikers must yield to horses, but some inexperienced trail-users could be intimidated by horses or do not know what to do when they are approached.
  - Mountain bikers, bicyclists and skaters**
  - When mountain biking, skating or rolling on City trails, trail users must always be prepared to stop to allow hikers, horses or uphill traffic to go first on the trail. Always ride or roll at a controlled pace to be able to slow down for others and anticipate other trail users around blind corners.
  - E-bikes with electric motor assist up to 20 mph (class I and II e-bikes) are welcome on city trails designated for bicycles and must follow the same trail etiquette as other bicycles.
  - Unauthorized motorized vehicles are not allowed in the city’s forests. This includes gas powered machines (dirt bikes) and class III electric bikes.

- Hikers and all trail users**
- Trail users must stay on designated trails and users should know what to do on the trail when other hikers, bikers, skaters, horses and wildlife approach. When enjoying the trails with a group, hike single file and be sure not to take up more than half of the trail so others can pass safely. Trails users are also encouraged to stay off wet trails as often as possible.
  - When visiting Arcata’s trails and parks, always pack out trash and dispose of it in a trash can.
  - Arcata’s public parks, including the Community Forest and the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, are closed between sunset and sunrise.
- For more information on City trails, please call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184, send an email to [eservices@cityofarcata.org](mailto:eservices@cityofarcata.org) or stop by the department in-person Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Arcata City Hall, located at 736 F St.

# So sorry to sound somewhat crass, but these folks are pains in the

• **Thursday, June 1 17:55 a.m.** Two German shepherds romped unencumbered in Ericson Court, having the times of their dogly lives. Alas, the carefree canine cavortment comes with clashes including other carbon-based units known for their ability to operate telephones.  
**11:59 a.m.** Ongoing vandalism and harassment at the Sanctuary Garden at 11th and F streets brought installation of a security cam and motion lights, until those devices were stolen.  
**12:22 p.m.** A resident of a Valley West permanent supportive housing project went haywire,



flooding his room.  
**5:38 p.m.** Complaints came in about a trashy camper outside the Community Center who harasses passersby.  
• **Friday, June 2 7:30 a.m.** Reliable Mr. Harasso-Camper inspired still another complaint to police. His untidy reign was soon to end though, as police soon learned that he had an outstanding warrant and arrested him. The noon hour saw police and city personnel eradicating the sprawling Community Center campsite, packing up the man’s possessions for storage and the abundant trash for disposal, also eliminating for the time being an uncannily productive geyser of

sour gusts of cigarette smoke you can smell across the parking lot.  
**8:32 a.m.** Ericson Court’s roving German shepherd duo tried to keep up with the slob camper as coplog frequent flyers.  
**4:40 p.m.** A van-based mobile piercing service set up shop in a 13th Street store’s parking lot, where the host business reported

concerns about hygiene.  
**9:55 p.m.** A call from Spruce Way had no one on the other end, though a man’s voice in the background was heard to angrily say, “I’m going to die tonight.”  
• **Saturday, June 3 9:08 a.m.** Following breakfast cocktails, a woozy man wearing an ineffective camouflage shirt who

had some sort of medical issue involving his hand or fingers attempted problem solving at the Transit Center by spitting on vending machines.  
**10:35 a.m., 3 p.m.** Loose, aggressive dogs at the Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary and in the Community Forest wrecked the nature experience for others.



**CLEANUP TIME** Police and city workers untrash the Community Center. KLH | UNION



# OPINION

❖ Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to [opinion@madriverrunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverrunion.com). Also, make paragraphs, spell check, don't double space and don't capitalize random words.

## About that 'foul play'

I just wanted to follow up on the letter I submitted last week. I spoke with David Loya on the phone and via email regarding my concerns about the Planco's "special meetings" format. We had a nice conversation and he let me know that the Planco will resume regular meetings for the month of June and beyond.

I'm very grateful for that, so I'd like to thank David Loya, and Councilmembers Kimberley White and Alex Stillman (who picked up the phone) for hearing my concerns and doing what they can to get the regular meetings back on track. I was informed that I was not the only one to contact them, so I'm grateful to each and every

## ❖ LETTER

one of you who let your voices be heard.

I'd also like to apologize to David Loya for something I wrote (well, just one thing). When I picked up the paper and saw the caption above my letter, I was aghast. It fairly trumpeted "Foul Play or What?" My first reaction was: Did I really write that??

Well, yes I did and I accept responsibility for it. It was around 3 a.m. when I submitted my letter and I just wasn't thinking clearly. I was bone tired. Now, in the clear light of day, I deeply regret my choice of words. To be clear, there was no foul play involved. What I meant to say was something more akin to "unfair play" or "an un-

fair process."

Just to provide context, I was thinking about the April 27 Planco meeting that Fred Weis (*Arcata1.com*) had blogged about. According to his account, Mr. Loya had neglected to agendize a "bike rack" item, even though the planning commissioners had requested he do so. So people kept showing up, never knowing when the item regarding a zoning change in their neighborhood (Q Street, 17th Street and Eye Street) would be discussed. That's why I addressed the problem with putting vague terms like "bike rack items" on the agenda. It seemed very unfair and disrespectful of the residents' time. So I made the unfortunate reference to "foul play" which suggests something much more nefarious and inten-

tional. However, that wasn't what I meant to say. I have no way of looking into David's mind to know what he intended. So I will assume his good intentions, and just say that I thought the process for getting their concerns heard was unfair and possibly a Brown Act violation (I'm no expert).

So I apologize to David Loya for that, sincerely and unreservedly. That said, we haven't had regular Planco meetings for two months, and the public is never going to get that time back. So I stand by the gist of my letter, even though I blundered unforgivably with a serious case of mouth foot. Mea culpa.

Lisa Pelletier  
Arcata

## Remembering beloved Bea as paddlers gather and shoreline rocks

Popular and prolific Trinidad artist Bea Stanley died in May. She would have been 89 on June 10. Her children, Antoinette "Toni" Magyar, also a respected artist, Miki Landseadel Sanders from Texas, Lauren Landseadel of San Miguel, Mark Landseadel of Simi Valley and Leslie Landseadel Foster gave Bea a lively and poignant goodbye at Trinidad Town Hall.



Toni's daughter, Rachael Duman-di of Pacific Grove and Mark's sons, Ian, Philip and Gregory, journeyed to Trinidad to pay tribute to their grandmother.

Retired postmistress Laurella Moore gave the family use of her Westhaven home so the whole family could be together. Bea's partner, Greg Wellish, shared a poem about his sweetheart written by Maria Bartlett titled "Bea."

Bea

*She's a goddess in a bodice,  
She's our Queen Bea  
She's a honey, and she's funny  
She's Victorian to a T  
Whatta dancer, (not financier)  
She's got moxey, she's a foxy  
Lemon pies and gloves and hats  
We love her, we just go bats  
For Greg and Roscoe,\*  
she'll go bosco  
For holiday parties,  
we dress like tarties  
And she's got smarties!  
We love her head and she's so arty  
We love our Bea  
with all our hearty*

\* Roscoe was Bea and Greg's cat.

Jackie Hogan and Penne O'Gara led the Song Circle in favorite tunes.

The Hall was packed with admirers and the family of one of Trinidad's most colorful and talented ladies.

Rest in peace, Bea.

### Hiking Humboldt Kids

Trinidad Library Manager Jan Kohl hosted *Hiking Humboldt Kids* author Rees Hughes and contributor Jennifer Gonzales last Tuesday to distribute the book to families of children under five and to talk about the joy of family hiking adventures.

The book, sponsored by First 5 Humboldt in collabora-



REST IN PEACE Above, Bea Stanley, 1934-2023. Right, one of Stanley's colorful still life paintings. TOP PORTRAIT BY ANGELA LUNDEEN

tion with Playgroup partners and the Humboldt County Library, includes 25 hikes grouped into four geographic regions of Humboldt County with descriptions, driving and walking directions and a custom map.

The book highlights various flora, fauna, historical and cultural aspects related to the hikes.



## Time to get busy birding, but first take Louise's learned advice

Where to start? Go outside, anywhere, to the backyard, walk your neighborhood, go to a park or out to the beach. Birds are everywhere!

Now, open your eyes! You are bound to see birds if you just look. Look on utility poles, in trees or bushes, in lawns, on roadsides, or at a bird feeder.

Watch what birds are doing. Are they flying, singing, fluttering in a puddle, preening or pecking in a lawn? What do they look like? Are they small, medium or large? What color are they?

See how simple that was? Hey, you are now birdwatching!

Simple observations can lead to much more. With curiosity, questions begin filling your mind. What was that bird doing? Why? Which bird is singing so beautifully?

Now may be the time for a field guide. Or, for the techie, hooking up with an app.

Personally, I carry a field guide (book) because I LIKE to! Apps are numerous though I am not familiar with them. Try e-bird or Merlin. I understand they are quite helpful. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology (New York) is involved with computerized identification systems.

Recently, this column covered a plethora of guides. Do your research to choose the best identification tool for you!

Next, you may wish to obtain some op-

tics for better viewing. This would include binoculars and/or spotting scopes. This will be covered in an up-coming column.

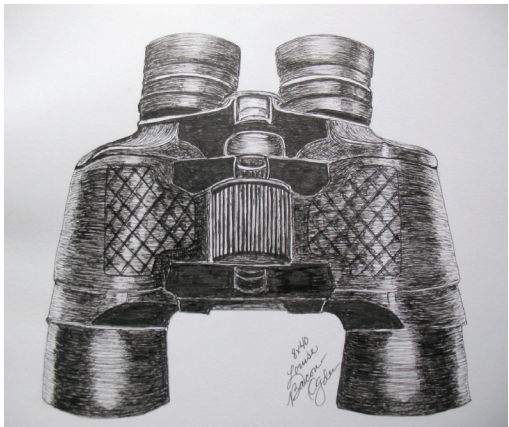
Dress appropriately. Remember, wear layers. If prepared, you can bird in the rain. Boots, hats, rain coats and rain pants can make even a rainy day a good birding day. Birder's vests are available to hold guides, checklists, a phone, a map, note pad, pencils and energy bars.

Lastly, and I do not know where I obtained this tidbit, but it is not a good idea to wear white. I believe it is because white on a bird's tail feathers is used to relay danger to other birds.

With sensible clothing, a field guide and optics, you are ready to go. You can hit the road locally by joining local leaders to the area's hotspots. Locally, check out Godwit Days. This yearly festival, in April, offers products, lectures and many guided walks. You may also plan birding outings farther afield.

Heading inland? Prepare for the summer's heat. Pack lots of water and sunscreen. Going into the forests? Insect repellent is a must. If alone or with a small group, always tell someone where you will be. Cell phones can be life savers unless you are too remote.

Going in a group is more fun. Extra pairs of eyes can be beneficial in finding more birds. Having a leader is always a



good idea. Hiring a bird guide is money well spent when birding in unfamiliar areas. They know the lay of the land and where the birds are. They know the best and safest spots to frequent. And, they usually drive!

I have birded Arizona and the Rio Grande area and have used paid guides or find free led tours. I added many new birds to my life list than if I had ventured out alone.

Another purchase, for "winging" it, is a bird finding guide. It is filled with maps, where to find certain birds and what to expect, including cautions about wild animals, snakes, poison ivy or a mean bull in a particular pasture. Also listed are picnic areas or other eateries plus rest areas. I recall a rest stop that almost guaranteed a particular bird species! (Oh, got the bird for my life list!)

Other extra items to have would include extra dry socks, first aid kit, emergency contacts, a cell phone, some food and extra water.

Lastly, I am including a "Code of Ethics for Birding."

1. Respect all "no Trespassing" and "Private Property" signs. Watch for protected wildlife areas, especially during breeding season. Even without signs, never enter an area if you suspect it may be privately owned.
2. Keep your distance so you do not disturb birds. If on a path, please stay on the path. On the beach, do not intentionally frighten feeding birds. Never allow your dog to chase them.
3. Heed "No Dogs Allowed" signs. Where dogs are allowed, keep them leashed. Be sure to scoop the poop. The best rule is to keep your dog home. Dogs really do not like to go birding!
4. Never overuse "pishing" or audio bird songs to "call in birds."
5. Leave only footprints. Haul out any litter, even a small gum wrapper.
6. Set a good example by observing rules. Please, no running or yelling. No rock throwing to flush a hidden bird.
7. Never collect flowers, plants or animals.

Birding is fun, educational, good for your health and mental well-being. Go out today and enjoy looking at birds! You'll be glad you did.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net).



❖ BIRD BRAINS  
Louise Bacon-Ogden



# SCENE

## New mural to be unveiled Friday



**HUMBOLDT MAGIC** Above, Sasha Lyth and Caroline Voorhees survey next steps during a student paint day of the Humboldt Magic Mural. Below, students block in colors during a community paint day.

PHOTO VIA CAL POLY HUMBOLDT



**REDWOOD COAST MONTESSORI**  
ARCATA – Come Celebrate the unveiling of Arcata’s newest mural, “Humboldt Magic” on Friday, June 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the corner of Eighth and K streets.

The mural was designed by Redwood Coast Montessori students under the direction of art educator Sasha Lyth and student teacher Caroline Voorhees, and in partnership with Cal-Poly Humboldt Art Education, students and numerous community volunteers.

The mural is 140 feet long and 20 feet tall.

There will be music, craft tables and food by the Los Giles Taco truck.

The mural unveiling ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. The Redwood Coast Chorus will perform at 6:15 p.m. Kenny Rivera plays guitar at 6:45 p.m. and Vanishing Pints performs at 7:15 p.m.

Enjoy good food, good music and good people, all with a backdrop of wall to wall color. Proceeds benefit the Redwood Coast Montessori Art Program and collaboration.



**IN MCKINLEYVILLE** The Blueberry Hill Boogie Band will be at the Six Rivers Brewery on Friday, June 9. VIA FACEBOOK

**ALL-AGES SHOW** Wazoo, Glossy and Something Wicked will perform Friday, June 9 at Blondie’s Food and Drink, 420 California Ave. in Arcata. The show starts at 7 p.m. All Ages. For information, call (707) 822-3453 or visit [blondiesfoodanddrink.com](#).

**GOOD TIMES ROCK ‘N’ ROLL** Blueberry Hill Boogie Band will perform Friday, June 9 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. The Blueberry Hill Boogie Band is a good times rock ‘n’ roll group, blending jukebox standards and radio classics with originals written by singer/guitarist Daniel Nickerson. Using just bass, drums and guitar, the group plays

movement music, stretching out songs with extended grooves and improvisations influenced equally by jazz, punk rock and the radio hits always on the airwaves. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. Call (707) 839-7580 or visit [sixriversbrewery.com](#).

**LOST DOGS** The Lost Dogs will perform Saturday, June 10 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. Rock ‘n’ roll, blues and Americana sounds from Humboldt County’s own favorites the Lost Dogs. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. For information, call (707) 839-7580 or visit [sixriversbrewery.com](#).

**PRINCE TRIBUTE BAND** The Purple Room will perform Saturday, June 10 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave. in Blue Lake. The Purple Room play songs that serve as a tribute to the artist sometimes, formerly and always known as Prince. The show starts at 7 p.m. 21 and over. For information, call (707) 668-5000 or visit [loggerbar.com/events](#).

**COMING UP** The Travelin’ McCourys will perform at the Humboldt Brewery on Tuesday, June 27 at 8 p.m. The Circle Jerks will perform at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Wednesday, July 19 at 8 p.m. Eek-a-Mouse will perform at the Humboldt Brewery on Friday, Aug. 4 at 9 p.m.

## More murals coming to Eureka

### EUREKA STREET ART FESTIVAL

EUREKA – Are you ready for more murals in Eureka? We sure hope so, because the sixth annual Eureka Street Art Festival will be spreading color along the U.S. Highway 101 and Broadway July 30 to Aug. 5.

We are happy to be partnering with Caltrans again to expand our reach throughout this stretch of town. And save the date for our Block Party - under the Samoa Bridge on Saturday, Aug. 5 from noon to 6 p.m.

We currently have murals being planned for these wall locations (and more!):

- Humboldt Trim Company Alley Wall, 230 Fourth St.
- Humboldt Trim Company, 230 Fourth St.
- MOCA, 210 Fourth St.
- Giaccamini Building, 142 W. Fourth St.
- Hubbards German Auto, 235 W. Grant Street
- Synapsis, 1675 Union Street
- Coast Guard Park Pump House Utility Box, 1800 Broadway
- City Corp Yard, 945 W. 14th Street
- 101 Retaining Wall, Broadway and Hawthorn streets
- Two light pole retaining walls, Broadway and Vigo streets
- Pure Water Spas, 3750 Broadway
- STIL corner wall, 2840 Broadway



**IN THE VICTORIAN SEAPORT** Street art in Old Town Eureka.

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- STIL alley wall, 2940 Broadway
- 101 retaining wall, South Broadway
- Carpet Depot, 4485 Broadway
- Park and Ride Ground Mural, Herrick Avenue

This year we are welcoming artists from around the world and around the corner to help us beautify this stretch of Eureka (don’t worry, we always reserve half the spots for local artists). Stay tuned: we will be announcing our artists in the next month.

Big murals are expensive, and we are seeking community sponsors and donors. Please email us if you are interested in getting involved. Send emails to [eurekastreetartfestival@gmail.com](mailto:eurekastreetartfestival@gmail.com).

The Eureka Street Art Festival’s mission is to create intentional, accessible art that enlivens public spaces, stimulates community revitalization, and attracts visitors to Eureka. Our long term aim is to recreate this event annually and continuously introduce new public art in Eureka. Excess funds raised by the Festival will go towards the maintenance of existing public art throughout the city.

The Eureka Street Art Festival is a DreamMaker Project of the Ink People Center for the Arts.



**OPEN STUDIOS** Left, “Path Through the Lupine,” oil on board, by Lynn Niekrasz. Right, “Locomotive Shop,” oil on stretched canvas, by Christopher Grimes.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Artists invite us to see where the magic happens

### OPEN STUDIOS

**HUMBOLDT** – Lynn Niekrasz, Jan Hollander, Christopher Grimes and Ami Campbell will participate in the 2023 North Coast Open Studios over the first two weekends in June.

Each artist will have various open dates listed in this article and also in the North Coast Open Studios books. Most are open to the public on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Niekrasz and Hollander often paint together, “en plein-aire” at various Humboldt County locations and also with the Sunday Paintout Group.

Niekrasz has been oil painting since the early 2000s.

“I’ve always loved and created art but began oil painting in earnest with a class in Eureka. Workshops from local artists such as Jim McVicker, Stock Schleuter, Ryan Jensen and others helped me progress and continually learn more about my chosen medium,” Niekrasz said. “You can never know enough about painting and ways to improve, always trying to capture the beauty that surrounds us. Going on site with other artists like Jan and Chris helps me to see differently and try new things. I also enjoy painting in the studio.”

Niekrasz’s studio can be found at 3641 California St., Eureka and is open this weekend.

Jan Hollander creates her interpretation of the landscape with watercolor and oils on location and in the studio.

“The quality of light here is wonderful, sometimes elusive and constantly changing. I find it’s always worthwhile to pack up my gear and find the perfect spot to create, simply enjoying the landscape and environment. The coastal light is often diffused and can create an almost mono-

chromatic value in color, which forces me to find the subtle color notes in a scene. The many challenges are also wonderful opportunities to create a work of art that takes the viewer on a journey that is both tranquil and hopefully beautiful,” Hollander said.

Hollander’s studio is located at 3560 Nevada St., Eureka and is open this weekend.

Christopher Grimes began as a photographer but shifted to oil painting in 2007. “My affiliation with several studios in the greater Sacramento area exposed me to great painters willing to share and encourage me. I was fortunate to have talented teachers and mentors to guide me. I work with oils, pastels, watercolor, charcoal and graphite. I focus primarily on plein-aire, figurative and portrait painting. During the pandemic I was able to find joy on foggy mornings on the waters edge, finding my painting voice in the morning mist,” Chris said.

Ami Campbell is known for her dreamlike compositions that combine colorful mark-making and creative patterning, with an organic application of movement. Her playful choice of palette allows the viewer to freely dance around the paper, engaging the imaginary landscape design of her abstractions.

Ami creates most of her work through the curating of photographs taken during her travels up and down the California Coast. Campbell also teaches classes and framing workshops and is accepting new students. Ami is also the artist featured on this year’s North Coast Open Studios book.

Ami Campbell will be showing her art at 621 Third St., Studio E, (Inside the Buttons store) Eureka and is open this weekend.

## Battle of the Bands in Ferndale June 18

### FERNSTOCK

**FERNDALE** –Make this Father’s Day one to remember by taking your dad to Fernstock 2023, an exciting Battle of the Bands taking place in Ferndale at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds. The event takes place Sunday, June 18 from noon to 7 p.m.

This family-friendly event welcomes all ages and even offers free entry for kids under 11. General admission tickets will


be available for \$20 at the gate or \$15 pre-sale online at [Northcoasttickets.com](#). For those looking for a VIP experience, 200 tickets will be sold and must be purchased before the event, granting access to the ability to vote for the winner and receive an exclusive event T-shirt.

A huge variety of bands is on the schedule. 15 bands include Jacki & the Jollies,

Makenu, The Critics, So-Hum Girls Band, The Melange, Young & Lovely, Ruckus, The Undercovers, Caribbean Jazz Odyssey, Malicious Algorithm, Insomnia Syndrome, Thundercloud, Buddy Reed and the Rip it Ups!, The Triple Tones, and September Rain.

The winning band will take home a \$5,000 prize, so the competition is sure to be fierce.

## Companion Animal Foundation



Community Animal Program and Adoption Center  
3954 Jacobs Ave. Eureka CA 95501  
707-296-4629

### Calling all Youth Animal Lovers!

Are you planning on becoming a veterinarian or vet tech? Maybe you want to run an animal shelter or have some kind of pet business. Maybe you have a strong passion for animals and want to learn more about them. For the Love of Animals humane education summer program is the perfect way to explore all things animals! From dog training to animal care and nutrition, we explore the life and care of animals we call pets! Animal Friendships (ages 8-10) is from June 26-30 from 9-1 and Animal Ambassadors (ages 11-16) is from July 10-15 from 9-1. For more information, visit [cafanimals.org](#) or call 707-296-4629



# Miller named Teacher of the Year

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**  
ARCATA— Kelly Miller, an agriculture teacher at Arcata High School, has been named as the 2023 Humboldt County Teacher of the Year by the Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools, Michael Davies-Hughes.

“It is an honor to be selected as the 2023 Humboldt County Teacher of the Year,” Miller said. “It means a great deal to me to join many of my mentors and the talented educators who have received this award. Educators are essential in the development of our future. I am proud to be an educator.”

Miller was one of 15 educators honored by the Humboldt County Office of Education with the Excellence in Teaching Award in May. The Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes classroom teachers from Transitional Kindergarten through 12th grade who have been identified as exemplary by their colleagues, students or school communities. Honorees must have a minimum of five years teaching experience.

Miller’s career began in 1996 as a first-grade teacher for Morris Elementary School. In 2015, Miller accepted the challenge of taking on an agriculture program at Northern Humboldt Union High School District that had seen a decline in

enrollment. Under Miller’s leadership, the program has grown from 44 to 196 students over the past 8 years.

The Arcata FFA Officer Team had this to say about Miller, “Mrs. Miller has demonstrated her dedication to our chapter in many ways by going above and beyond to serve and inspire our chapter and community. Mrs. Miller is devoted to her students and ensures that we all have access to amazing opportunities. She really cares about her students and gives them ample opportunities to succeed.”

Miller finds teaching students in this subject matter extremely rewarding as well.

“I say to people, ‘the best part of my job is that I don’t just teach a subject. I get to teach the whole student!’ I teach students skills that build direct relevance to the real world. Students leave my program with purchasing power, exposure to many different career choices, environmental sustainability, the confidence to speak in front of a group and the knowledge of how to shake a hand and look someone in the face when introducing themselves.”

As the Humboldt County Teacher of the Year, Miller now has the opportunity to be considered for the California State Teacher of the Year, traditionally announced in October.



Kelly Miller

# Women's Rowing Team wins national championship

**CAL POLY HUMBOLDT PENNSAUKEN, N.J.** -- Cal Poly Humboldt Women’s Rowing ended their season May 27 holding an NCAA Division II Rowing National Championship trophy with a confetti filled sky from Cooper River Park in New Jersey.

For the third time in program history, the Lumberjacks were crowned National Champions. Humboldt has won titles in 2012, 2014, and now 2023. Humboldt swept the day in very impressive fashion, winning both the Fours Grand Final (12 points) and Eights Grand Final (18 points) to earn a perfect 30 points. It is the third time in the last four regattas that the winning team has finished with a perfect score.

"I could not be more proud of our Women's Rowing team," said President Jackson of Cal Poly Humboldt. "A great coaching staff led our outstanding student-athletes to the National Championship! The Cal Poly Humboldt campus, alumni, and friends applaud this outcome, a true legacy in Athletics."

The 'Jacks knew going into the day that they had their work cut out for them as they had to take down their rival in powerhouse University of Central Oklahoma, who also won both of their heats on Friday. UCO won three straight national championships from 2018-2021 (no champion was named in 2020).

Although UCO has had a lot of recent success, the Lumberjacks proved they were the better team today.

Kicking the day off was the Fours Grand Final. The Humboldt V4+ lineup consisted of Emily Daniels (Coxswain), Sarah Lorenzini (1), Kylie Mosley (2), Chloe Pieper-Wasem (3), and Gwendolyn Sutton (4).

After placing third at the GNAC Championships just a couple weeks ago, Humboldt knew they had some adjustments to make before the NCAA Championships. With all GNAC schools in the Fours Grand Final, it was a rematch of the GNAC Championships with UCO, Seattle Pacific and Western Washington. Head coach Matt Weise praised both of his assistant coaches in Ashley Donnell and Patrick Hyland for their efforts in preparing the Varsity 4+ crew accordingly.

The Humboldt V4 boat trailed UCO almost the entire race in a very tight race, but in the final sprint the 'Jacks pulled away to take a near six-second victory in the Fours Grand Final. They finished with a time of 8:06.762.

The Eights Grand Final was next. The Humboldt V8+ lineup consisted of Sonja Scollon (Cox), Malia Seeley (1), Alyssa Paynton (2), Gabriella Griffin (3), Dana Foley (4), Cassidy Hollenbeck (5), Kealey Scott (6), Elizabeth Walters (7), and Molly Urtz (8).

The dominance of this crew continued as they went the entire year without falling to a Division II opponent, and nothing changed for them on Saturday. Although the 'Jacks started less than one second behind UCO at the first 500m mark, they increased their stroke rate and completely took over the race.

Humboldt cruised to victory in the Eights Grand Final, finishing with a time of 7:15.143. UCO crossed the finish line in second place and almost five seconds behind the Lumberjacks.

"This group kept their heads today, they executed the plan and didn't change anything or try to do too much on a bigger stage," said Weise. "We talk about doing all the work all the time. The dark mornings, the cold rain, it's all paid off. I'm really proud of what they accomplished today and proud of our great coaching staff as well."

Weise also spoke to his appreciation of the support that the team has received this season and what it means to him, stating, "This result is a team effort. We have had nothing but support for the entire team, staff, administration, and community members. For me personally, it is an unbelievable feeling as a coach. I have been a coach nearly 30 years and this is the first National Championship I've been apart of. Today was spectacular, it was inspiring."

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00358**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PET SITTING STAYS 125 W CEDAR ST EUREKA, CA 95501 HUMBOLDT COUNTY PET SITTING STAYS, LLC**

**CALIFORNIA 202357112466 125 W CEDAR ST EUREKA, CA 95501**  
This business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
**S/ MICHAEL E. SEEBER MANAGING MEMBER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 30, 2023  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES TN DEPUTY CLERK 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00341**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUMBOLDT REALTY, CORP. RE/MAX HUMBOLDT REALTY, HUMBOLDT REALTY, BABICH & TONINI REALTY OF ARCATA, HUMBOLDT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, HUMBOLDT RENTALS, HUMBOLDT REAL ESTATE CENTER 944 H STREET ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 4840 ARCATA, CA 95518 EUREKA, CA 95521 HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMBOLDT REALTY CORP.**

**CA 2015279 944 H STREET ARCATA, CA 95521**  
This business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION S/ MATTHEW A. BABICH, PRESIDENT**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 19, 2023  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES JC DEPUTY CLERK 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00350**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPACE GEM 2640 JACOBS AVE. EUREKA, CA 95521 HUMBOLDT COUNTY LOVE INC. CA 4673569 2210 MCKINLEYVILLE AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

This business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION S/ GINO GRANDADOS, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 23, 2023  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES JC DEPUTY CLERK 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00323**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**HT CONSULTING 1832 MONTECITO WAY EUREKA, CA 95501 P.O. BOX 6643 EUREKA, CA 95502 HUMBOLDT COUNTY HEATHER E. TRURO 1832 MONTECITO WAY EUREKA, CA 95501**  
This business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL S/ HEATHER E. TRURO, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 9, 2023  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES JC DEPUTY CLERK 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00289**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OCEANSIDE FARM 1250 OESCHGER RD FERNDALE, CA 95536 HUMBOLDT COUNTY RENDAK ENTERPRISES CORP. CA 5118208 1250 OESCHGER RD FERNDALE, CA 95536**  
This business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION S/ JEDEDIAH CRUZ, PRESIDENT**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 26, 2023  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES SC DEPUTY CLERK 5/24, 5/31, 6/17, 6/14**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH SUMTER**  
**CASE NO.: PR2300125**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  
**MARY ELIZABETH SUMTER**

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by RHODA SUMTER in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: RHODA SUMTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A hearing on the petition**

**will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: JUNE 15, 2023  
Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 4  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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**If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.**

**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
**CHRIS JOHNSON HAMER ATTORNEY AT LAW STOKES, HAMER, KIRK & EADS LLP 381 BAYSIDE ROAD. SUITE A ARCATA, CA 95521 (707) 822-1771 5/24, 5/31, 6/7**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAMERON ELFORD, aka CAMERON MITCHELL ELFORD**  
**CASE NO.: PR2300129**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  
**CAMERON ELFORD, aka CAMERON MITCHELL ELFORD**  
**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by ORALEE MCALEXANDER in

the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: ORALEE MCALEXANDER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: JUNE 22, 2023  
Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 4  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account

as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
**CHRIS JOHNSON HAMER ATTORNEY AT LAW STOKES, HAMER, KIRK & EADS LLP 381 BAYSIDE ROAD. SUITE A ARCATA, CA 95521 (707) 822-1771 5/31, 6/7, 6/14**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LYN EDWARD BAGLEY**  
**CASE NO.: PR2300134**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  
**LYN EDWARD BAGLEY**  
**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by DALE K. BAGLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: DALE K. BAGLEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: JUNE 22, 2023  
Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 4  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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tive appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

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**ARTHUR NIELSEN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS ST. EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 5/31, 6/7, 6/14**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TREVOR BRYCE HOKANSON SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**CASE NO. CV2300828**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: **TREVOR BRYCE HOKANSON**  
To Proposed name: **TREVOR BRYCE DEGRAZIA**  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be

heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: July 14, 2023  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.  
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.  
Date: MAY 24, 2023  
John T. Feeney  
Judge of the Superior Court  
5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21

**CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294**

Case Name: Khianu Hunsucker  
Case No. JV2100054  
1. To: Trevor Parker, and anyone claiming to be a parent of Khianu Hunsucker, born on 12/15/2020, at Providence – St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, CA.  
2. A hearing will be held on September 13, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.  
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.  
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.  
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.  
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.  
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.  
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES  
SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695  
JOAN H. TURNER, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #152986  
825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

(707) 445-7236  
DATE: May 25, 2023  
Meara Hattan, Acting CEO, Clerk, by Vickie L., Deputy  
5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME RAWAN WALKER ALMAKHLOOG SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**CASE NO. CV2300810**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: **RAWAN WALKER ALMAKHLOOG**  
to Proposed name: **RAWAN ALMAKHLOOG WALKER**  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: July 7, 2023  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.  
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.  
Date: MAY 20, 2023  
John T. Feeney  
Judge of the Superior Court  
6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

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# First 5 Humboldt, playgroup partners and county library hold book tour, events

## First 5 Humboldt on tour with *Hiking Humboldt*

**FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT**  
HUMBOLDT – First 5 Humboldt, in collaboration with Playgroup partners and the Humboldt County Library, announces *Hiking Humboldt* KIDS June book tour and distribution events.

The latest in the Hiking Humboldt book series from Backcountry Press is the result of the collaborative efforts of First 5 Humboldt, author Reese Hughes, and Backcountry Press. The project was initiated during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and designed to



encourage the joy of time spent together outdoors, especially for young children and their families.

The book aims to highlight and encourage three of the California Surgeon General's stress busting strategies; experiencing nature, physical activity, and supportive relationships. Together these strategies reduce stress hormones, reduce inflammation, and increase neuroplasticity, which are all important to improving health and wellbeing across the lifespan. Though the height of the pandemic may be behind us, the effects of the toxic stress it caused continue for many. First 5 Humboldt hopes this book will provide families with a fun and useful resource to support their wellbeing.

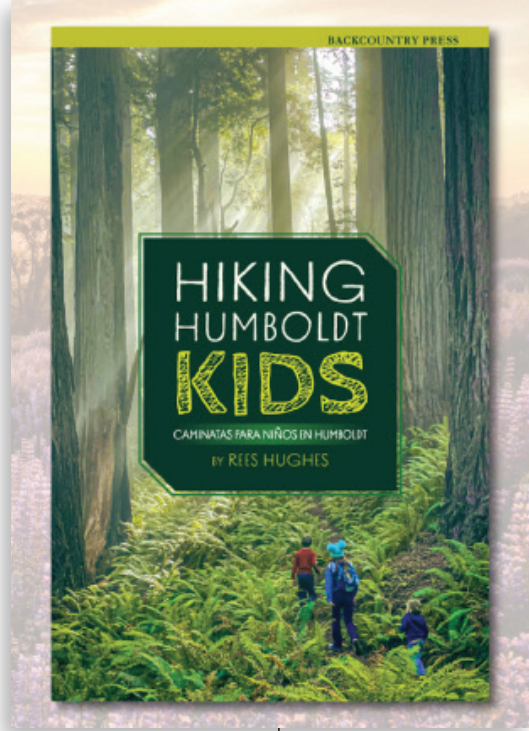
These family friendly hiking guides are available free through First 5 Humboldt to families of children 5 years old

and under living within the county lines. Digital and hard copy versions are also available directly from [backcountrypress.com](http://backcountrypress.com) and through local retailers.

The book tour will kick off with a First 5 Humboldt Playgroup book party June 1st and continue with visits to Playgroups and Humboldt County Library branches across the county throughout June as well as an Arts Alive event at the Eureka Books on Saturday, June 3 and Arts Arcata on Friday, June 9. Check with your local Playgroup at [first5humboldt.org](http://first5humboldt.org) and with the Library at [humlib.org](http://humlib.org) to see when the book party is headed your way!

Hiking Humboldt Kids is available now at [backcountrypress.com](http://backcountrypress.com) and all local bookstores. Meet authors Reese Hughes and Jennifer Gonzales on June 3 at Eureka Books for Arts Alive, or June 9 at Northtown Books in Arcata.

**About First 5 Humboldt**  
First 5 Humboldt works to improve the health, early learning, and well-being of young children and their families in Humboldt County using evidence-based methods and community engagement. For more information, go to [first5humboldt.org](http://first5humboldt.org) or call (707) 445-7389



## First 5 Humboldt se va de gira con el libro *Hiking Humboldt KIDS* (Caminatas para niños en Humboldt)

**FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT**  
HUMBOLDT - First 5 Humboldt, en colaboración con los Grupos de Juego y la biblioteca del Condado de Humboldt, anuncia la gira de presentación y distribución del libro *Hiking Humboldt KIDS* (Caminatas para niños en Humboldt) en el mes de Junio.

El último de libro de la serie Caminatas de Humboldt de Backcountry Press es el resultado del esfuerzo de colaboración de First 5 Humboldt, el escritor Rees Hughes y Backcountry Press. El proyecto se inició durante el apogeo de la pandemia de COVID-19 y se diseñó para fomentar la alegría de pasar tiempo juntos al aire libre, especialmente para los niños pequeños y sus familias. El libro tiene como objetivo resaltar y alentar tres de las estrategias para combatir el estrés sugerida por California Surgeon General y estas son: experimentar la naturaleza, la actividad física y las relaciones de apoyo entre personas. Juntas, estas estrategias reducen las hormonas del estrés, reducen la inflamación y aumentan la neuro plasticidad, que son importantes para mejorar la salud y el bienestar a lo largo de la vida. A pesar de que el apogeo de la pandemia ha quedado atrás, los efectos del estrés tóxico que causó continúan para

muchos de nosotros. Mediante la creación de este libro, First 5 Humboldt espera brindar a las familias un recurso divertido y útil para apoyar el bienestar de todos.

Esta guía de senderismo para familias está disponible de forma gratuita a través de First 5 Humboldt para familias con niños de 5 años y menores que viven dentro de los límites del condado. Versiones digitales e impresas también están disponibles directamente en [backcountrypress.com](http://backcountrypress.com) y a través de diferentes tiendas locales.



La gira del libro comenzará con una fiesta de libros en un Grupo de Juegos de First 5 Humboldt el día 1 de junio y, la distribución continuará a lo largo del mes a través de los diferentes Grupos de Juego y las sucursales de la Biblioteca. También podrás encontrar el libro en un evento de Eureka Books en Arts Alive Eureka el día sábado 3 de junio y en Arts Arcata el día viernes 9 de junio. ¡Consulte con su Grupo de Juego en la página de internet: [first5humboldt.org](http://first5humboldt.org) o en la sucursal de la biblioteca en [humlib.org](http://humlib.org) para ver cuándo se realizará la fiesta del libro en su área!

“Caminatas para niños en Humboldt” ya está disponible en [backcountrypress.com](http://backcountrypress.com) y en todas las librerías locales. Conozca a los autores Reese Hughes y Jennifer Gonzales el 3 de junio en la tienda “Eureka Books” en el evento de Arts Alive el día 9 de junio o en la librería “Northtown Books” en Arcata.

# Take action to repel the ecosystem invaders

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The City of Arcata Environmental Services Department encourages residents to get involved during California Invasive Species Action Week (CISAW) from Saturday, June 3 to Sunday, June 11.

CISAW is an annual campaign conducted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to promote public participation in the removal and fight against California's invasive species.

An invasive species is any living organism that is not native to an ecosystem and can cause harm to the natural environment and native wildlife.

Hundreds of invasive plants and animals are already established in California and spreading rapidly.

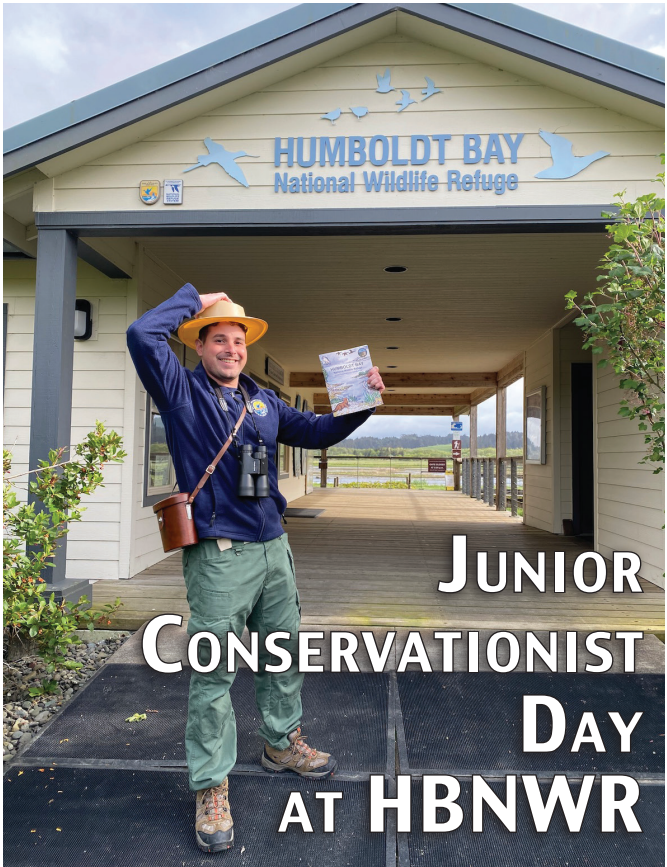
Help us stop the spread of invasive species by taking small, everyday actions, such as landscaping with native

plants, not releasing unwanted pets into the wild and cleaning, draining and drying gear when recreating in bodies of water.

- Here are additional ideas:
1. Join California State Parks and EPIC for a morning of invasive plant removal at Trinidad State Beach on Sunday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register for the event at [tinyurl.com/invasiveaction](http://tinyurl.com/invasiveaction).
  2. Join Friends of the Dunes at two different Dune Restoration Days! One will be at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center Dunes on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other located at Ma-le'l Dunes on Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact [dante@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:dante@friendsofthedunes.org), call (707) 444-1397 or visit [friendsofthedunes.org/dert-days](http://friendsofthedunes.org/dert-days).
  3. Use useful resources such as

the [cal-ipc.org](http://cal-ipc.org) website, the Invasive Weeds of Humboldt County pamphlet on the [cityofarcata.org/320/Parks-Facilities-Natural-Resources](http://cityofarcata.org/320/Parks-Facilities-Natural-Resources) website or the Weed Workers handbook, found here: [cal-ipc.org/resources/library/publications/wwh/](http://cal-ipc.org/resources/library/publications/wwh/).

4. After obtaining the proper information, take action by removing invasive species and selecting only native plants for landscaping.
4. Only buy local firewood and burn it locally. Firewood can carry invasive insects and diseases that can kill native trees in other regions.
5. Report invasive species sightings to the CDFW by calling (866) 440-9530 or emailing [invasives@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:invasives@wildlife.ca.gov). For more information visit [wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Action-Week](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Action-Week) or call (707) 822-8184.



**FREE NATURE ACTIVITIES** Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge will host Junior Conservationist Day on Saturday, June 10 with free, fun activities for all ages. Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., pick up your free activity book and visit all the stations to earn awards and prizes. Explore the Shorebird Loop Trail and learn about conservation principles, skills and tools that conservationists use to protect animal and plant species. Find out how wildlife is monitored and tracked, see habitat restoration in progress and much, much more! Meet at the Richard J. Guadagno Visitor Center, 1020 Ranch Road in Loleta. Above, Environmental Education and Visitor Services Intern Kevin Soto, who developed the Junior Conservationist Activity Book. Kevin graduated from Interamerican Universidad de Puerto Rico with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He is very passionate about environmental protection and life sciences and he dreams about working in international wildlife conservation. He knows conservation starts with education and has worked in the development of teaching strategies that combine science with emotions resulting in communities connected with nature. For more information and special accommodation, call (707) 733-5406 or visit [fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay](http://fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay) HBNWR PHOTO

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## Welcome to the 33rd annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival

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The 33rd Annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival, produced by Arcata Main Street, proudly invites you to the Arcata Plaza on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Returning to our traditional home after 4 years away is more exhilarating than a sea breeze on a sunny day and we are thrilled to be joined by our amazingly resilient community to celebrate the beginning of summer and all things Humboldt! As we enjoy the bountiful aquaculture of Arcata Bay, tastefully curated by area chefs, local musicians and live artists will provide delights for your ears and eyes.

An inspiring partnership with Mad River Brewing this year has led to the debut of the Oyster Festival's very own brew: Shuck It! Described as an indigenous ale and made with an heirloom variety of corn grown by tribes in the USA, this beer will delight the taste buds and easily pair with everyone's favorite oyster! Taps open at 10 a.m. and close sharply at 4:30 p.m.



Tokens cost \$7 this year and can be purchased from the booths graciously operated by area banks. Oyster Festival is a Zero Waste event that strives to divert as much waste as possible from landfills. We accomplish this with concerted effort from a group of volunteers committed to keeping our beautiful bay region pristine. Using recyclable cups and compostable materials wherever possible allows us to minimize the footprint of our iconic event, so give our team a high-five when you see them walking by and be sure to thank them for their passionate dedication. This year we are proud to host 33 different food vendors representing cuisine from all over the world. Many of them will be serving up oysters, so be sure to try the different creations at each booth. The best oyster competition will determine who has the greatest oysters on the block, so listen for the winners' announcements from the mainstage at the close of the contest. **WELCOME ♦ B2**

## A day of music on two stages

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**ARCATA PLAZA** – The 33rd annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival takes place Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza. Join this celebration of North Coast culture featuring award-winning oysters prepared by some of the best chefs and cooks in town. There will also be other tasty offerings other than oysters, along with beer, wine and cocktails. The event features two stages on the Plaza as well as a Kids Zone (See map, page B3.)

**Main Stage**  
**10 a.m. – Wiyot Land Acknowledgment**



**10:10 a.m. – Soul Party Crew.** This is Arcata's longest-running and best dance party! DJs will be spinning '60s and '70s soul/funk vinyl. Come dance!  
**10:30 a.m. – Checkered Past.** This American band plays roots, ska and dub. Members include Jimi Hawk, Kevin Miller, Justin Schwartzman, Serg Mihaylo, Tanasa Daniel,



**HIGH NOON ON THE PLAZA** The California Poppies take the stage at noon Saturday, June 10 at the Arcata Bay Oyster Festival. VIA CALIFORNIA POPPIES WEBSITE  
Gene Joyce, Sarah Fine and Nicole Miller.  
**11:30 a.m. – Soul Party Crew.** Spinning soul and funk for your dancing pleasure.  
**Noon – The California Poppies.** The California Poppies, a Humboldt County band, includes Dashiell Rowe, Chris Reynoso, Gabriel Lubowe and William English III. According to the band's website, "They combine an all original blend of 1960s nostalgia and modern psychedelia to create a sound that is completely their own. The mission of the band is to

**TWO STAGES ♦ B4**

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Oyster Festival Rules

- No dogs, no pets, no glass.
- No coolers and no outside alcohol of any kind. Bags will be checked.
- You MUST buy a cup and get a wristband to drink.
- All beer, wine and cocktail sales cost 1 token.
- Water bottles are allowed but are subject to being checked by gate and security staff.
- Last Call is a hard stop on alcohol sales, tokens are not valid anywhere else but the Plaza during Oyster Fest.

Free shuttle bus

The parking lot at Westwood Center (Murphy's Market) on Alliance Road will be among the areas where people can park and catch a shuttle. The parking lot and surrounding residential areas are first-come, first-serve parking. The City of Arcata provided shuttle will use this parking lot as its main hub. It will make another pickup at Arcata High and do drop offs and pick-ups at the Plaza. RTA will be running their Orange Route (Saturday Route) as well.

Welcome

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Speaking of contests, this year will also see the return of the Shuck & Swallow contest and the Oyster Calling Contest. They will be on the second stage, so be sure to head over and cheer on your favorite competitive eater or join the fun in making silly noises onstage.

We are also fortunate to have 40 booths of art and local companies sharing their creations with us. Be sure to see each booth as our artisans have brought their very best to the festival and there is sure to be something for everyone!

Oyster Festival is for everyone! Our kids zone has fun activities, vendors, and even a puppy cuddle puddle, so bring the kiddos and enjoy fun for the whole family (except Fido – dogs should stay home).

Oyster Festival has been the largest single-day event in Humboldt County for many years and we believe that our homecoming on the Plaza this year may draw even more than the 15,000 attendees we did before the world shut down. We sincerely hope that YOU will also join us for this, the best year yet!

The Oyster Festival is Arcata Main Street's only fundraiser of the year and all monies made are reinvested back into the community through our year-long event calendar. We thank you for supporting this event and AMS's mission to promote Arcata's identity, economy, and cultural spirit.

Keep On Shuckin' Humboldt!

**Gil Miracle**  
Event Coordinator

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Ride your bike to the festival and enjoy valet service

COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES  
ARCATA PLAZA – The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP) envisions a North Coast region with vibrant local communities where walking, biking, public transit, and other socially and environmentally positive modes of transportation are the norm.

We are passionate about creating a world where these modes are equitable, safe and comfortable for people of all races, ethnicities, cultures, income levels, genders, ages and abilities. We believe that we urgently need mode shift to effectively address climate change, equity and safety in our community.

Free bike valet for Oyster Festival attendees will be provided by CRTP at the corner of 10th and G in Arcata (the Compass Credit Union lot). Bikes will be stored securely and watched over during the event on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thanks for choosing alternative transportation and biking, walking, or riding the bus to this event!

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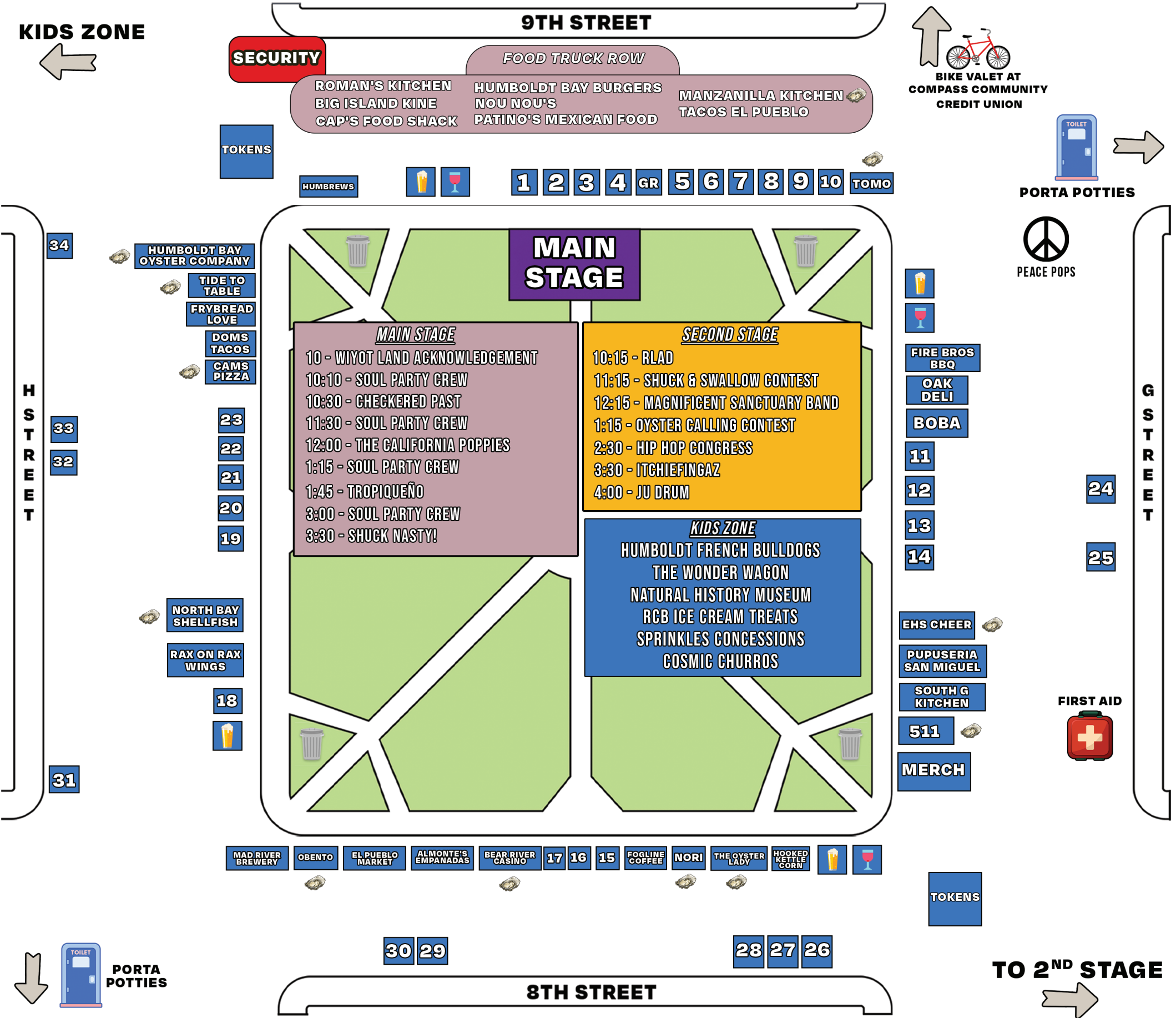
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2 PAINTED FOREST ART	7 BALTIC AMBER AND CREATIONS	12 RENDER GOODS	17 POTTHEAD POTTERY/TEAHEHE	22 ART BY EVA CREATURE	27 SPIRAL EARTHWARE
3 LARISSA ROBYN DESIGN	8 LANCUYEN	13 LEAFFILTER	18 PGZ	23 JOSH OVERINGTON ART	28 SHROOMWORKS
4 SEASIDE WEAVERS	9 CLRZAO	14 HOMEBOLDT	19 HOLLY YASHI	24 ROOT TO RISE	29 AMBRZ ART
5 COWGILL'S CREATIONS	10 FIBRE POET	15 PAC PARADISE	20 KASSANDRA CHRISCO	25 WILL SUITER PHOTO	30 COASTAL HAZE DESIGNS
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					33 BLACK HUMBOLDT
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